

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-8 (canceled).

9. (Currently Amended) A defence system for a predetermined land area, comprising:

a sensor system for detecting an intrusion in any of a plurality of zones within the predetermined area,

at least one weapon having multiple barrels that are trained on the area, each barrel being loaded with multiple projectiles that are sequentially selected and fired, and

a firing controller that receives signals from the sensor system, automatically aims, and triggers the weapon so that projectiles are fired into one or more of the zones in which the intrusion is detected.

10. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the firing controller requires intervention of an operator in response to the signals from the sensor system in order to trigger the weapon.

11. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the firing controller triggers firing of one or more projectiles from a barrel into a respective zone on detection of an intrusion in the zone.

12. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the firing controller triggers firing of a projectile from each of the barrels on detection of an intrusion.

13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the weapon is located remote from the land area and the barrels have fixed or variable orientations that target respective zones.

14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the barrels are trained to fire projectiles directly or indirectly into the zones.

15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the sensor system includes one or more individual sensors in or near the land area.

16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 15, wherein the sensors are initially located by being fired into the area from one or more of the barrels.

17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the sensor system includes one or more individual sensors remote from the land area.

18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein one or more of the barrels contain a range of projectiles for different purposes.

19. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the weapon is a grenade box or barrel block adapted to be concealed in the ground.

20. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the weapon is carried by a land vehicle or an aircraft.

21. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the weapon is fired electronically without ammunition feed or ejection systems.

Claims 22-35 (withdrawn).